

SC046524

Sheffield City Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this secure children's home

This home is operated by a local authority and is approved by the Secretary of State to restrict children's liberty.

The home provides care across five houses for up to 10 children aged between 10 and 17 years. Five children were living in the home at the time of this visit.

The home provides care for up to five children placed by the Youth Custody Service and up to five children under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 who are placed by local authorities.

The admission of any child under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 who is under 13 years old requires the approval of the Secretary of State.

The commissioning of health services in this home is the statutory responsibility of NHS England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Education is provided on site in dedicated facilities.

The manager of the home registered with Ofsted in August 2023.

Inspection date: 19 September 2023

This monitoring visit

This visit was carried out in line with the memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE).

The inspector visited the home with a specialist architect commissioned by the DfE to review refurbishment works. Work to a classroom has been completed to a good standard that will benefit children. Other areas remain unfinished, and work is ongoing.

There is water damage in an area that staff use. This area is for those undertaking sleep-in duties. Should more than eight children live in the home, this area would need to be fully operational to ensure that staff are able to monitor children and meet their needs effectively.

The requirements and recommendations made at the last inspection will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
28/02/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
01/02/2022	Full	Outstanding
01/09/2021	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
10/03/2020	Interim	Improved effectiveness

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that sufficient suitably trained staff are on duty to meet the assessed needs of all children in the home. In particular, the home should not admit more than eight children until the staff sleep-in room and associated areas are fully repaired so that staff can meet children's needs. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 51, paragraph 10.1)

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This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Secure children's home details

Unique reference number: SC046524

Provision sub-type: Secure unit

Registered provider: Sheffield City Council

Registered provider address: Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH

Responsible individual: Sally Williams

Registered manager: Joanne Peebles

Inspector

Shaun Common, His Majesty's Inspector

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